

TEN WANT SCHOOL JOB CONFESSES SHOOTING

Hot Race in Alexandria County For
Position of Superintendent—Only
One Candidate in City.

Alexandria county, with ten appli-
cants, leads the 105 public school
divisions in the state in the produc-
ing of aspirants for office as division
superintendent of schools. W. H.
Sweeney, the present city superin-
tendent, has no opposition as candi-
date for re-election. He was endorsed
at the monthly meeting of the City
School Board last Thursday night.
Thirteen of the divisions, so far,
have produced no applicants, but it
is anticipated that before the state
board of education meets March 1, 2
and 3, to make appointments the lists
will be filled. Already the task that
presents itself to the state board is
possessed of proportions that will
keep that body busy for several days
before its work of making appoint-
ments is completed.

The thirteen divisions yet to have
candidates for appointment to posi-
tions as division superintendents are
Alleghany county, Amelia and Notto-
way, Bedford, Brunswick, Elizabeth
City, Fauquier, Giles, Henrico, Lynch-
burg, Newport News, Radford,
Smyth and Staunton.

In sixty of the divisions there are
no contests, those divisions having
but one applicant. Other applica-
tions may be filed from these divi-
sions before the meeting of the board
to act on them is held.

There are thirty-two divisions in
which there are contests, two or
more applications having been filed.
In eighteen of these divisions the
incumbents are applicants. The fol-
lowing are the candidates from Alex-
andria county: Fletcher Kemp,
Conrad Johnson, H. S. Duffey, C. A.
Edwards, E. N. Kirby, J. H. Childs,
B. D. French, Richard S. Shreve,
Claude O. Thomas, Chas. A. Great-
house.

ALIEN LAW SATISFIES JAPAN.

Agreement Reached—Does Not Bar
Subjects of Island Empire.

It is stated authoritatively that
there is a perfect understanding be-
tween the United States and Japan
on the working of the new immigra-
tion law without friction. The law
contains no discrimination against
Japanese and no provision for their
exclusion.

Under the Root-Takahira agree-
ment Japanese copies are kept out
by the act of their own government
in denying them passports, but not
by any act of the United States
government. The fact that the new
law provides for the continued ex-
clusion of aliens "now in any way"
excluded from entry to the United
States does not affect Japanese, be-
cause these remain away from their
own volition.

The Japanese government made
no protest against the law in its
final form, though inquiry was made
to clear up the exact meaning of it.

WOULD STOP U-BOATS.

Negro, "King of the World," Or-
ders Ocean Dried Up.

Jerry Henley, colored, about 40
years of age, sound in body but man-
ifestly unsound in mind, breezed into
the Capitol building yesterday and
demanded to see the President on an
important mission. As he entered
the Senate wing of the Capitol Hen-
ley approached Policeman Cole, on
duty there, and said:

"I am the king of the world, and
have been sent by the Lord to see the
President to get him to pass a law
to dry up the waters of the ocean so
there can be no submarine fighting."
"All right," replied the officer, "you
come right along with me and I'll
introduce you to the President."

Henley went along pleasantly and
was taken to the guard room and in-
troduced to Sergeant Cobb as the
President. Later he was taken to
Washington Asylum Hospital.

Married.

Mr. Joseph Allen and Miss Flo-
rence Butler were married Monday
evening, February 5, at 7:30 o'clock,
at the home of the bride's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Butler,
224 North Alfred street. The Rev. O.
W. Triplett officiating. 31-11

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mort-
gage in Alexandria and Rosemont.
Apply to Howard W. Smith, 107
north Fairfax street. 1-12-11

John Henry Johnson, Colored, Ar-
rested at Cedar Mountain, Cul-
peper County, For Double Assault.

Early on the morning of January
28 Anna Slaughter, colored, was shot
in the leg near the site of the new
Southern Railway round house,
southwestern section of the city by
a negro man. L. S. Gross, foreman
of the construction at the new build-
ing, hearing her cries, ran to her as-
sistance and was shot three times
by the assailant of the woman. The
latter escaped. The woman's wound
was slight, but Mr. Gross has been
in the Alexandria Hospital ever
since.

The police went actively at work
on the case, and, upon the woman's
assertion, arrested Edward and Claren-
ce Medlock, she alleging that the
latter used the pistol. Both denied
the charge, but they with their ac-
cuser were locked up.

The police finally located John
Henry Johnson, who they believed,
was the real assailant, in Culpeper
county, and yesterday Deputy Sher-
iff William H. Tipton acting upon
the information of the Alexandria
police, found the negro at Cedar
Mountain, and took him in custody.
The fugitive was brought to the sta-
tion house in this city last night.

Johnson was brought before the
Police Court this morning, when he
acknowledged he did the shooting,
and the case was continued for ten
days. Anna Slaughter was also held.
Edward and Clarence Medlock were
released.

Johnson, after being placed under
arrest declared that he shot at Mr.
Gross through fright after the col-
ored woman had held him up with a
razor and attempted to rob him.
Johnson exhibited to the police a
scar on one leg which he said was
the result of a shot from Mr. Gross's
revolver.

ADVISE EARLY ORDERS.

In Order to Avoid Delay of Ship-
ments by Rail.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Farmers are
being urged to order out their fertil-
izer shipments immediately in order
that they may not suffer from a
car shortage, should one develop in
the late spring. Shippers are point-
ing out that farmers who delay their
orders may find themselves unable
to get supplies in time to follow the
"plant early" plan which has
been advocated.

In view of the unusual demands
for box cars, now being made by
shippers in other lines of business,
the supply of cars available for the
movement of fertilizer may not be
as large this season as in former
years and it is therefore important
that shipments of fertilizer be
spread over a longer period.

Should the great majority of
farmers wait until the fertilizer is
actually needed to place their orders,
it is feared that this in itself might
create a car shortage which would
cause many of them to be disap-
pointed. Dealers stress the point
that early ordering is equally import-
ant for the farmer who buys only
one ton and for the planter who
buys by the car load.
Alexandria Fertilizer Manufac-
turers when interviewed by a Gazette
representative, stated that they are
advising all of their dealers to or-
der their fertilizer early as the car
shortage is daily growing worse and
of course will be more acute should
our country be thrown into war, as
all transportation companies will
then confine their energies to the
movement of actual necessities for
the government.

The British steamer Port Adelaide,
carrying passengers, has been sunk
and 96 of the passengers and crew
have been picked up at sea, Lloyd's
reports. The captain of the Port
Adelaide was captured. Other vessels
reported as having been sunk, or
probably sunk include five British
steamers, one British sailing ship,
one Russian steamer, one Norwegian
steamer, three Norwegian barks, one
Norwegian ship and one Swedish
steamer.

A bread card system went into
operation yesterday throughout the
Netherlands. A central bread bu-
reau will control distribution of all
bread and flour.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mills, accom-
panied by their little daughter, left
yesterday for Richmond, where they
will make their future home.

Mrs. Frank S. Harper has returned
from a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Allen
McCarthy, at her home in Jamaica,
Long Island.

The Junior German Club will meet
Friday afternoon, in the auditorium
of the Elks' Home and the guest of
honor will be Dan Cupid himself,
who will distribute valentines to the
young dancers.

The will of the late John Lead-
beater was admitted to probate in
the clerk's office of the Corporation
Court today. The deceased be-
queathed all his real and personal
estate to his wife.

Mr. Tupper Barrett has returned
to the University of Virginia, Char-
lottesville, after spending two weeks
at his home in this city, recuperating
from the effects of an operation for
appendicitis.

A horse attached to a buggy be-
longing to J. F. Dresh, of Spring-
field, Fairfax county, became fright-
ened at an outgoing electric train at
King and St. Asaph streets shortly
before one o'clock this afternoon and
backed into the cars. The vehicle
was slightly damaged.

Escaping from the Government
Hospital for the Insane early this
morning and pursued by the harbor
police aboard the fireboat of the Fire
Department, J. D. Addison, twenty-
five years old, an inmate of the hos-
pital, plunged through a hole in the
ice-covered Potomac off the steel
plant to his death.

The Woman's Benefit Association of
the Macabees held a very inter-
esting review last night. The pres-
ence of the State Commander, Miss
England, always insures a good at-
tendance. Miss England and Miss
Conners both gave helpful talks.
Plans were discussed for the state
rally to be held in Alexandria in June.
During the social hour Miss Conners
and Mrs. Amy C. Weech gave hum-
orous recitations.

DISCHARGING TEUTONS.

Newport News Shipbuilding Com-
pany and Standard Oil of Louisi-
ana Lay off Unnaturalized Men.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 7.—As a
precautionary measure, all German
employees who have not become nat-
uralized citizens of the United
States are being laid off by the New-
port News Shipbuilding and Dry
Dock Company. A few men were
notified Saturday that their services
would not be needed any longer, and
some more were discharged Sunday
afternoon.

Coon, Feb. 7.—Twenty Germans
have been removed from the working
force of the Panama Canal and
about 80 other Germans, will be sent
to New York on the United States
transport Kipatrick.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—Two petty
officers of German birth, on the
United States battleship Louisiana
were yesterday transferred to the
receiving ship Franklin. The men
had excellent records of nine years
in the service.

Died—Wednesday, February 7, at 1
a. m., in the Alexandria Hospital,
MRS. AGNES COOMES PENN.,
wife of John W. Penn, aged 38
years. Survived by her husband, a
daughter, two sisters and one
brother. Washington and Maryland
papers please copy. 33-11

When in Washington and hungry,
stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th
street opposite Raleigh.

See Linton, at Blondheim's old
stand, City Market, for meats, Auth's
Provisions, etc.

Notice Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of
the stockholders of the Fidelity
Storage Company will be held at its
office 122 south Fairfax street, Alex-
andria, Virginia, Wednesday Feb-
ruary 14th, at 3 o'clock.
22-121 P. H. SMYTH, Secretary.

Miss Mary Hughes, of Richmond,
is the guest of Mrs. William N.
Smith, at her home in Rosemont.

The George Washington Birthday
Association will hold its regular an-
nual meeting for the election of of-
ficers on Saturday evening next at 8
o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber
of Commerce.

The Rev. William J. Merton is re-
covering from an attack of grip,
though still confined to his bed. The
Wednesday evening service at Christ
Church will be conducted by Mr. John
W. Herndon.

The work of the exterior of the
new Alexandria Hospital building on
Duke street is rapidly nearing com-
pletion. The interior work is also
being pushed as fast as possible by
Richardson & Burgess of Washington
with the hope that the building may
be turned over to the trustees of the
hospital some time in April. The
annual meeting of the board of trust-
ees will be held on Monday, Febru-
ary 19th.

Everett Rogers was elected engi-
neer of Columbia Steam Fire Engine
Company by the city fire committee
last night in place of Wm. Wood who
declined the position on account of
another offer which gives him a
larger salary. Henry Posey, a vet-
eran member of Columbia company,
and who has been the driver of the
engine for over forty-three years,
had his fingers so badly frost-bitten
at the fire on Montgomery street
Monday that Dr. T. M. Jones was
compelled to lance several of them
last night.

The Cardinal Athletic Club of this
city will give its fifth annual ban-
quet and reception this evening at
Hotel Rammel in honor of Clark C.
Griffith, the popular manager of the
Washington baseball club. Mayor
Thomas A. Fisher will preside as
toastmaster and other guests will be
present from Washington, the Alex-
andria city council, Chamber of
Commerce and Retail Merchants' As-
sociation. No effort has been spared
on the part of President Sylvester A.
Breen and other members of the club
to make the occasion enjoyable to
all in attendance.

DAMAGED STEAMERS.

Would Require Six Months to Make
Intermed Ships Seaworthy.

Every one of seventeen war-bound
German merchant ships examined by
American officials at Philippine ports
since the break with Germany has
been so badly damaged by her crew
that six months or more would be
required to make any of them sea-
worthy. An official report yesterday
said that of the 23 vessels tied up in
the islands all but six had been in-
spected, and none had been found
which could be put into condition
without a large expenditure of time
and money.

So widespread and thorough has
been the concerted disabling of Ger-
man ships in American ports that
some officials think it could be ex-
plained only by a blanket order from
Berlin.

The policy of the government is
to make no use of these ships, even
if war comes. There has been no de-
cision even to take over the ships
in the event of war, much less use
them. Therefore, the net result of
damage will be the expense and delay
for repairs their owners must face
before they can get into the rush for
after-the-war trade.

The basis of the administration's
position, it is stated, is President
Wilson's determination to so con-
duct the affairs of the nation that no
taint of commercialism can attach
to the government's action if it is
drawn into war. He is anxious that
no ground be given for charges that
a desire for acquisition of German
merchant ships, admittedly of ines-
timable value for establishment of
an adequate American merchant ma-
rine, was in any way a factor in the
situation.

New York, Feb. 7.—Machinery in
four of the smaller steamships in the
fleet of mercantile vessels belong-
ing to Germany, moored to piers at
Hoboken, N. J., and at 135th street
and the North River, Manhattan, has
been crippled, it was learned authori-
tatively last night. Piston heads in

The regular monthly meeting of
the Columbia S. F. E. Company will
be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The Alexandria Assembly will give
the last of its series of dances be-
fore Lent Friday night in the audi-
torium of the Elks' Home.

Miss Mollie Pearson, who has been
quite sick at her home in Prince
street, is improving though still con-
fined to her room.

Douglas McGowan, a small boy,
was struck by a Washington automo-
bile at Queen and Pitt streets yester-
day afternoon, and his head, cut
Dr. Powell, who was called, took
several stitches in the wound. His
condition is not serious.

Mrs. Agnes Coomes Penn, wife of
John W. Penn, aged 38, died at the
Alexandria city hospital this morn-
ing at one o'clock. The deceased is
survived by her husband, daughter,
two sisters and one brother. Funeral
arrangements have not yet been
made. The family reside at 107
Prince street.

W. C. Acton, a former resident of
this city, died yesterday at Hughes-
ville, Md. The deceased is survived
by a widow and three children—Mrs.
Joseph Bradley and Mrs. Richard Ac-
ton, of Alexandria, and Richard Ac-
ton, of Hughesville. His funeral
will take place at Hughesville to-
morrow.

Tomorrow evening will be known
as "Alexandria night" at the Gypsy
Smith revival meetings in Washing-
ton. It is expected that between five
and six hundred people from this
city will attend the service. Ar-
rangements are in charge of Rev. Dr.
John Lee Allison of the Second Pres-
byterian Church. He has engaged
special cars, which will be on Royal
street, from which point the delega-
tion will start at six o'clock sharp.
Arrangements will also be made for
the company to take cars at the
Twelfth street station in Washington
which will carry them to Fourteenth
and V streets, two squares from the
tabernacle. A general invitation is
extended to every one to go, irres-
pective of whether they belong to any
church or not.

Two of the liners' engine rooms had
been cracked and parts of the steam-
ing mechanism in the other two had
been damaged, it was said.

The engines of the Vaterland, larg-
est of the German ships, and the
Pennsylvania, had not been damaged
it was stated.

Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii,
Feb. 7.—Engines and boilers of all
nine German merchant vessels tied
up in the Hawaiian Islands have been
disabled by their crews.

Boston, Feb. 7.—The refugee Ger-
man steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie,
built at a cost of \$4,500,000, has been
rendered useless for months by the
disabling of her engines, it was dis-
covered yesterday.

The cylinders of the two high pres-
sure engines, according to informa-
tion from an authoritative source,
were found to have been destroyed.
A piece of steel about three feet long
was cut out of each cylinder, render-
ing the engines useless, and bolt
heads, fastening the cylinder heads,
were knocked off. To use the steamer
it would be necessary to install new
engines.

TO OFFER PLEASURE CRAFT.

Washington Boat Owners Would Aid
in Patrol Work.

Yacht and motor boat clubs in the
District of Columbia and along the
Potomac river have launched plans
to offer President Wilson their ser-
vices and the use of their boats for
patrol duty on the Chesapeake Bay
and the Potomac river in the event
of war with Germany.

The Capital Yacht Club will meet
Thursday to formulate plans. The
United States Power Squadron, an
organization for the training of
power-boat owners, will also meet to
discuss the problem.

The larger of the craft will be
mounted with small-bore cannon and
rapid-firers, and the small power
boats with little rapid-fire guns.

Select Crabs and Clams at
Jacob Brill's Restaurant,
Foot of King street.

TO FURNISH HER QUOTA WOMAN GETS 60 DAYS

In Event of Call By President, Vir-
ginia Will be Expected to Supply
One Fiftieth of Soldiers.

State military officials are quietly
making preparations for a possible
call for volunteers. In event the
President asks for an army of any
size, Richmond will be the concen-
tration point for the quota expected
from Virginia, while this city will
also be the mobilization point for the
National Guard of the State.

The problem confronting the office
of the Adjutant-General is that of
housing a large number of men
should the volunteer army be raised
in winter. A survey of buildings
available for the purpose is being
made and a report submitted to the
War Department.

Virginia will be expected to furnish
about one-fiftieth of the volunteers
asked for by the President. There
are in the State, according to the
best estimates, 400,000 men of mili-
tary age, of whom about 300,000 are
available for service. Out of those
available Adjutant-General Sale is
confident there will be enough volun-
teer enlistments without resort to
conscription.

Should the United States enter the
world war, it is probable that the
President will call for an army of
1,000,000 men, but not at one time.
Virginia would be expected to furnish
20,000 men for an army of this size,
while a call for 50,000 volunteers such
as was made in the Spanish-Ameri-
can War, would be met by raising
one regiment, the volunteers being
in addition to the National Guard, of
which Virginia has approximately
4,000 men and officers.

No information in regard to the
change in the plans for bringing the
Second Virginia Infantry home has
been received by either the Adjutant-
General or Governor Stuart, General
Funston, however, has directed that
certain regiments, among them the
Second Virginia, remain at Brown-
sville to await further orders.

It is generally believed that the en-
tire quota of Virginia troops now on
the border will soon be concentrated
in Richmond for internal defense
purposes. The strategic importance
of Richmond is well recognized, not
only on account of the large num-
ber of important munition plants in
this section but because of the rail-
road bridges, the loss of which would
hamper any troop movements. If
the bridges were destroyed, however,
serviceable pontoons, which would
answer the purpose, would be erected
in a few days at the most.

S. A. L. ENGINE BLOWS UP.

Conductor and Brakeman Killed,
Several Other Trainmen Injured.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 7.—One of
the worst wrecks on the Seaboard
Air Line Railway for a long time oc-
curred yesterday afternoon near Din-
widdie Station, about 20 miles from
Petersburg, when the locomotive of
a southbound freight train, which
left Petersburg at 12:40 p. m. blew
up, killing Conductor E. H. Gris-
zard, and a negro brakeman, the
engineer, Harry Adams, and two or
three others of the train crew were
injured. Twelve or more cars, which
were loaded with general merchan-
dise and automobiles, were wrecked.
The cars were piled one upon an-
other and the track was torn up for
about 150 yards and so badly blocked
that all trains last night were being
run over the Atlantic Coast Line
Railway.

The injured were brought to Peters-
burg yesterday evening on a spec-
ial train and taken to Petersburg
Hospital for treatment. At the time
of the explosion Conductor Grizzard
was in the cab with Engineer Adams
whose escape from death was re-
garded as remarkable.

The locomotive, which was com-
pletely wrecked, was a new one and
had been in use but a few days. Con-
ductor Grizzard was about 30 years
old and is survived by his widow
and two small children.

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Lucy Howell Has Quart Bottle of
Whisky Taken From Her and is
Given a Term in the Workhouse.

The police are satisfied that liquor
is being sold in Alexandria from the
fact that certain dipsomaniacs who
are never seen going to Washington
manage to get drunk as often as
they did under wet conditions previ-
ous to the first day of last Novem-
ber. The officers exercise all the
surveillance possible, but those en-
gaged in the illegal traffic carry it
on in such a surreptitious manner
that it is difficult to make cases.
When a man or woman is arrested
on the charge of drunkenness he or
she invariably allege that they procured
liquor in Washington.

James Baker, colored, was brought
before the Police Court this morn-
ing to answer a chronic charge. Of-
ficers Snellings and Campbell had
made the arrest. Officer Campbell
told the court he was satisfied Baker
obtained his whisky in Alexandria,
as no one could be found who saw
him leave the city. Baker, when the
usual question was put to him by the
court, said he bought the liquor
which made him drunk in Washing-
ton. He was fined \$5.

The next offender was a white
woman named Lucy Howell, who, Of-
ficer Campbell alleged, had made
several trips to Washington during
the past six days. A quart bottle
of whisky which had been taken
from her was produced in court.
Upon being questioned, the accused
said she purchased the liquor in
Washington for a sick woman.

During the investigation of the
case it was alleged the woman in
whose physiognomy the image of the
Creator has been sadly marred, had
no certain abiding place, and Justice
Caton, instead of sending her to the
grand jury, ordered her to the work-
house for sixty days under the vag-
rant act.

It is said that much liquor is
brought to Alexandria from Wash-
ington by certain women, who it is
alleged, make as high as six trips
to the capital city daily.

THE FREE KINDERGARTEN

Miss Finch of Washington Appointed
Kindergarten in Place of Miss
Weideman who Resigned.

The regular monthly meeting of
the Free Kindergarten Association,
was held yesterday afternoon at 301
south St. Asaph street. The kind-
ergarten reported a very interesting
mothers' meeting. Seventeen were
present, and Miss Mary Monroe gave
an instructive talk on the care of
the nose and throat. Miss Finch,
of Washington, was appointed kind-
ergarten in place of Miss Weideman,
who resigned to be married.

The following contributions are
gratefully acknowledged: Miss Eliza
Roberts, ten dollars; Dr. and Mrs.
McGuire, two dollars; Mr. Tom Car-
ter, Mrs. W. B. Smoot, Mr. W. A.
Smoot, Mr. W. A. Smoot, Jr., Mrs.
L. E. Uhler, Miss Florence J. Evans,
Mrs. G. L. Simpson, Mr. Lewis McK.
Bell, Mrs. A. E. Service, Dr. E. Allen,
Miss Klipstein, Mr. Baer, Mr. and
Mrs. George Warfield, Dr. Gorman,
Mr. G. S. French, Mr. B. Westley,
Mr. Gardner Boothe, one dollar each.

Woman Burns to Death.

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 7.—Mrs.
Waide W. Weatherly, 30 years old,
was burned to death Monday at Phil-
ippi, Barbour county, W. Va., and
her 3-months-old baby had a narrow
escape from a similar fate. The
mother's clothing caught fire while
she was sitting by an open grate
holding the child to safety before she
tried to protect herself.

In the meantime the fire had spread
over her clothing. She called fran-
tically to her husband and his sister
in the basement of the house, but
could not make them hear.

When Mr. Weatherly entered the
room he found her clothing and hair
burned away. She inhaled some of
the flames and this, together with
the external burns, caused her death
in six hours.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas Chauncey
will regret to learn that she is ill
with pneumonia at her home, 808
Duke street.



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PAST AND PRESENT WARFARE.

The sinking of the Cunard steamer Lusitania by a German submarine and the drowning of over one thousand men, women and children, sent up a wail throughout the civilized world, the echoes of which will go down the centuries. The avowed purpose of Germany to continue such brutality upon other ships including neutrals be found in what that country terms the danger zone has brought forth the righteous indignation of the planet. It is because the United States entered a protest against such barbarism that the relations between the two countries are strained almost to the breaking point.

When that awful crime against civilization was perpetrated off the Emerald Isle in May, 1915, and attempts were being made by the Teutons to exculpate themselves from the terrible responsibility, many instances were recalled of the war between the states in America. The Gazette at the time reproduced some, referring especially to the capture of the Pacific mail steamer Aerial, as told by Admiral Semmes in his book, "Four Years Afloat." The Aerial, it will be remembered, was libeled to be delivered up to the Southern Confederacy should that power gain its independence.

The capture of the Aerial which belonged to Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, in the Caribbean Sea on a bright Sunday morning was, in a measure, regarded as a matter of pleasantry. The Alabama had the British flag flying at her trail until the Aerial drew so close that her escape was impossible. The Alabama then ran up the Confederate flag and discharged a shot across the bow of the mail steamer. The steamer was crowded with passengers, many of whom were women. The latter shrieked and rushed into the saloon and the Aerial made a pretense to run away, when another shot from the Alabama passed near her smokestack. The Aerial's engine then ceased to revolve. An officer was sent from the Alabama to the Aerial, and upon reaching the deck he was soon surrounded by northern beauties, many of whom asked to be allowed to cut buttons from his coat as souvenirs. The officer, good naturedly, allowed this to be done, and gave up every button that could be spared.

It was the object of Captain Semmes to seize some American sailing vessel in the vicinity upon which he would place the passengers and crew of the Aerial, and then sink her. After waiting most of the day and none appearing, he libeled the steamer and allowed her to proceed. Many people in the north termed Semmes a pirate, but his conduct stands in marked contrast to what German naval officers have done and desire to continue to do.

INVITATION TO NEUTRALS

It is hoped that there will be a hearty response from all neutral nations to the expression of the President that "he believes it will make for the peace of the world if other neutral nations can find it possible to take similar action," to that already taken by this country.

Whether the action be limited to the severance of diplomatic relations, or go beyond that, the moral effect would be very much greater if it were taken by all neutral nations. The United States has no controversy with Germany that all other neutral nations do not have. Whatever we have done, or may do, is primarily in the interests of neutrals, but ultimately it will reach the interests of all nations. It is not primarily in the interest of commerce; if no more than that were involved we should not have taken our present action; should have but awaited justice and compensation for pecuniary damages after the war. In this connection the Philadelphia Record

says we were unable to wait more than two years because human life, the principles of humanity, the provisions of international law made to limit warfare to belligerents and protect noncombatants, are all involved. The neutral nations could well join us in making a firm stand for civilization.

Switzerland has no maritime interests, but it has extensive commercial interests, and its citizens have the right to go and come under all the safeguards of international law. The Journal de Geneve is not satisfied with the German permission to get supplies for Switzerland through the single port of Certe in southern France, and it urges "the conclusion of an accord between all the neutral nations of Europe and a unanimous declaration of war on that one of the belligerents which from and after a fixed date sank a neutral ship not engaged in contraband trade." But this requires some extension for even a ship carrying contraband must not be sunk without affording all persons on board sufficient means of escape.

It is the right to live—not the right to trade—which is now at stake. The issue is joined over those limitations which the opinion of the civilized world has imposed upon belligerents seeking to damage each other in every possible way. The question is of civilization or barbarism.

We are remote from the seat of war, and the neutrals adjacent to it are small. But they are not impotent. Switzerland has a quarter of a million men guarding its frontiers. Holland has nearly or quite half a million soldiers on its borders. Norway, which has suffered severely from the submarine campaign, has a large mercantile marine. Sweden has repeatedly had serious controversies with Germany, and its military and naval resources are not negligible when considered in connection with those of other nations. Holland and Switzerland can expect only a nominal independence, if as much as that, after the war in the event of a victory by the Central Powers. Self-protection and the preservation of civilization call all these small nations to respond favorably to the invitation of the President.

DISTILLERIES OFFERED.

All in Kentucky, Ready to Make Alcohol For Munitions.
Louisville, Ky., Feb. 7.—All distilling plants in the State of Kentucky were placed at the disposal of the United States for the production of alcohol to be used in the manufacture of munitions, in a telegram sent to the Secretary of War by J. B. Wathen, Jr., president of the Kentucky Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association.

His action was authorized at a meeting of the executive committee.

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Instead of just going right on. Up the straight and narrow and truthset way.

To the golden garden of dawn.

Better get wise to the feller called Me. The first thing that you do.

It will help so much in the day to be. To put what you want to through.

Study him over and take his size. And probe him clear down to the deeps.

And learn by his ears and his nose and eyes. What bad in his nature sleeps.

Better pick quarrels with the feller called Me. Than with any one else you know.

Ponder him over from A to Z. And watch him wherever you go.

For every weakness you find and cure. Will be something to set you ahead.

In the path that is straight and fine and sure. That your soul is destined to tread.

Folger McKenzie in Baltimore Sun.

of the distillers' organization held here this afternoon.

There are 203 distilleries of all classes in the State, according to Mr. Wathen. Of these, 15, having a daily capacity of 200,000 gallons, are now engaged in alcohol production.

COLD KEEPS UP IN GERMANY.

Coal Shortage Adds to Grave Situation in Europe.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—The almost unprecedented cold weather which has prevailed for a fortnight, causing great suffering and some deaths in all parts of Germany, is intensified. The temperature hung just about at the zero mark in Berlin and fell far below it in other places, notably in West Prussia and in the Rhineland district, where records for a century were shattered.

A majority of the canals and most of the rivers all over Germany are frozen solid, greatly hindering the movement of coal. Many office buildings in Berlin are gradually running out of coal, while hotels have closed all rooms not actually in use.

The military authorities, in an effort to assist in the transportation of

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fuel in cities, have loaned both soldiers and horses to help cope with the shortage. Teams are so scarce that one Berlin newspaper requisitioned four elephants to haul a supply of newspaper paper to its office.

A prominent attorney, writing in the Tageblatt, suggests a special bündersath order suspending the present law permitting tenants to break leases if houses become dangerous to health through lack of heat. The suggestion was inspired as a measure of protection to landlords because of the large number of houses vacated by reason of the cold.

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Allied Vessels Thought to be Meeting
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Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Little doubt is now entertained of the allied vessels in this port being conveyed to their destinations. Those flying the flags of neutral nations are being held here because their governments have made no provisions for their safety.

In shipping circles attention was directed today to the fact that within the last two or three days very few vessels cleared. Today there were more, and the inference is that these go out in groups after receiving instructions from their respective consuls relative to the route to be taken. When well out to sea the commercial fleet will be met by British cruisers and conveyed through the danger zone.

This explains the confidence of the captains of the allied boats in their ability to reach the other side without interference. The neutrals would be obliged to take chances.

The Dutch legation in Paris has issued the following public notice: "All Dutch subjects having military obligations to fulfill whether in the militia reserve or territorials, must present themselves without delay to the Dutch consulate."

ACCUSES UNION OF EXTORTION

Windows Broken Till He Paid \$250
Graft, Says Builder.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—According to testimony yesterday of George H. Young, real estate man, and builder, breaking of windows in one of his structures did not cease until he had paid \$250 blackmail to Michael Boyle.

Boyle, president, and three business agents of the Electrical Workers' Union and 11 members of the Chicago Switchboard Managers' Association are on trial in the United States District Court in the so-called labor graft cases.

Young testified that the wiring

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—of—
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COUNTY, VIRGINIA, NEAR
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By virtue of a certain deed of Trust duly recorded in Deed Book R, No. 7, folio 255, et seq., of the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Trustees will sell at public auction, on the premises, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th 1917, at 3 p. m., the following described land, situated in Mount Vernon Magisterial District, Fairfax County, Virginia, and lying between Black Lick Road and Old Bone Road, and adjoining the lands of George Javins, William Lyles, et al, as more fully described, in said Deed of Trust, and containing 103.78 acres, more or less.

Terms of Sale:—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years, with interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually from day of sale, secured by Deed of Trust upon the property sold, or all cash at the option of the purchaser, a deposit of \$150 will be required at the time of sale, all conveyancing, recording, etc., at the cost of the purchaser, terms of sale to be complied with within 15 days from day of sale, otherwise the Trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser after 5 days advertising in some newspaper published in the City of Alexandria.

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and electric fixtures in the building in question were installed by members of Local 376, with which Boyle's union, Local 136, was at odds. When the work was complete Boyle, witnesses declared, said it would have to come out unless he was paid \$250. "I ignored the threat and presently a plate-glass window was broken," said Young. "I replaced it, and this one also was broken. Then I went to Boyle and paid the \$250. That settled the trouble."

VIRGINIA NEWS

The movement of a considerable amount of ammunition from the Norfolk navy yard—St. Julian magazine—to Northern points has commenced. An unusually strong guard has been placed around the magazine.

If the United States should intervene in the world conflict she would be the fifteenth nation in the war, not counting the tiny republic of San Marino. America would be the eleventh power to line up against the four nations in the German alliance.

Chairman Hall, of the West Virginia house committee on the Virginia debt, has announced a public hearing by the committee of the senate and house tomorrow evening, when the governor and others will speak. Chairman Hall explained that some action in the near future is necessary in view of the alternative writ issued by the Supreme Court returnable March 6.

Nannie Chambers, white, was fined \$50 and given thirty days in jail Monday, in Circuit Court at Harrisonburg, on the charge of manufacturing "old hen." Her attorney will appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. She is the first woman in Virginia to be convicted for violation of the prohibition law. The officers say they found two barrels of "old hen" in the woman's home. She claimed that she had bought the material for the purpose of making bread.

R. Kent Spiller, member of Governor Stuart's staff, has sent the following telegram to William Jennings Bryan, in connection with a statement Mr. Bryan gave to the press relative to the present German-American situation: "If we are to believe newspaper reports, you are the only public man in the country making reasonable utterances at this critical time. Can it be possible that you fail to realize the duty of a true citizen in the present national crisis?"

Charles Lincoln Benler, now in custody in Washington, has the distinction of being the first man to have a requisition issued for his return to this state of the charge of having violated the liquor laws. Benler stands indicted in the circuit court for Westmoreland of having sold three quarts of whisky. Before he could be apprehended he left the state and Commonwealth's Attorney Baker got on his trail and had him arrested in Washington. Governor Stuart honored the application for the requisition and the papers left for Washington yesterday afternoon, where J. H. Terrell, representing the county of Westmoreland, will take charge of the man and escort him back to Virginia.

Gertrude Miller, twenty-one years old, of Lynchburg, is a patient at Memorial Hospital, in Richmond as a result of taking mercury tablets. The girl is said to have taken the tablets after having a quarrel with a friend. She was brought to the hospital early this morning when it was stated that she had taken the poison yesterday morning at 716 East Franklin street, where she was visiting friends. It was stated at the hospital that she had absorbed a quantity of the drug, and that her condition was considered serious. She said that after taking several tablets she drank a quantity of water in an effort to get rid of as much of the poison as possible, having changed her mind as to a premature departure from this earthly sphere.

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CABINET HAS LONG SESSION.

U. S. Envoy Hurries to Argentine Capital, Where Decision on U-Boats is Expected.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 7.—Frederic Jeap Stimson, American Ambassador to the Argentine republic, has abruptly ended his stay at Mar Del Plata, one of the most fashionable of the winter resorts of this country, and has returned to the embassy in Buenos Aires. The crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany is the cause of Ambassador Stimson's return to this place.

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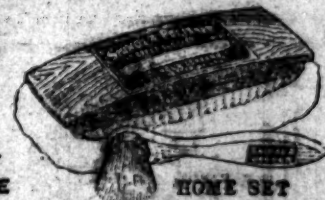
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Argentina praise the stand taken by President Wilson in the relations between the United States and the German government, but declare that the action of Mr. Wilson should not influence the other republics of the Americas to abandon their neutrality.

La Prensa, the leading newspaper of Argentina, in an editorial, sees in the United States a united nation, and that as such its attitude may be frankly discussed. It quotes President Wilson's expression of conviction that all neutral countries will adopt the same attitude as that of the United States.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The British offensive on the Tigris front, has made further important gains, according to an official announcement given out in London.

Three of the ten members of Sir Ernest Shackleton's antarctic expedition, who were marooned by storms while trying to reach the South Pole, have perished, according to a dispatch received from Wellington, New Zealand.

Samuel Bailey, thirteen years old, was frozen to death at Byington, near Knoxville, Tenn.

The British admiralty states that there is only one survivor of the crew of the Lars Kruse, a Belgian relief ship.

President Wilson yesterday signed the bill authorizing the Washington-Newport News Short Line Railroad to build a bridge across the Potomac River, near Matomkin Point, about fifty miles south of Washington.

Samuel Kahn, 30 years old, a clerk in the Treasury Department, was found yesterday morning in the bathroom of 1233 Irving street northwest, Washington, where he lodged, with his throat cut. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death by suicide.

The British forces have occupied about 1,000 yards of German trenches in the neighborhood of Grandcourt on the Somme. An official statement issued last night by the British war office, in announcing this operation, states that the Germans offered no opposition.

H. A. Murrill, on his return to Charlotte, N. C., yesterday from a visit to the Bermuda Islands, told of the arrival there of two Italian submarines to join the British and French warships in their hunt for the German raider destroying shipping in the south Atlantic.

It is officially stated in Copenhagen that James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, will not be allowed to leave Berlin until the German government is satisfied as to the treatment of Count von Bernstorff, the retiring German Ambassador to Washington, by the American government.

The American steamer Westwego was stopped by the German submarine U-45 and was allowed to proceed only after she had given up three barrels of lubricating oil to the submarine commander, the American Consul at Liverpool reported to the embassy yesterday. The Westwego hails from Philadelphia.

Every possible means, short of actual war measures, has been taken in all governmental channels to protect the nation in case of hostilities. It is possible to indicate the extent of only the precautions that have been taken, but the highest officials say they are in every way ample to meet emergencies that may arise.

With an arm broken, her jaw bone crushed and other injuries sustained in the explosion of a cooking range Monday morning, Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, wife of Samuel W. Mitchell, a Bristol merchant, was taken to a hospital. Her condition is critical.

W. E. Owen, former postmaster of South Boston, dropped dead Saturday afternoon as he was preparing to leave the Planters and Merchants' National Bank, of which he was vice-president. He was 58 years old and a native of Halifax county.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, aged 65, for many months an invalid, was burned to death at her home at Ringgold near Danville Sunday evening, while members of the household were away. It is presumed she ventured too near an open-grate fire and her clothing became ignited. She was found later burned from head to foot and unconscious.

After more than a week of extraordinary rush the navy is ready for anything that may happen, except, of course, a shortage of men. As the navy must always bear the first shock of war the whole energy of the gov-

ernment has been directed to putting the fleet in fighting condition. It is that way now, Secretary Daniels told President Wilson last night. Twenty-two battleships loaded with ammunition and all other war necessities, with their cruisers, destroyers and other craft are at or near big ports. Plans also were completed yesterday to call for 100,000 more men for sailors and marines if needed.

After an all afternoon battle in secret session, the Senate failed to reach a vote yesterday on the confirmation of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's personal physician, to be naval medical director with rank of rear admiral. Senators Weeks, du Pont and Poindexter consumed most of the time with speeches opposing confirmation. Progressive Republican Senators made a vigorous fight to consider the

Grayson nomination in open session. Senator Poindexter charged that the chief argument put forth by the administration for Grayson's confirmation was that he was a Virginian. Democratic Senators flared up at this charge and forced a secret executive session.

Both Houses of Congress put on full steam yesterday in the race for complete military and naval preparedness designed to meet the needs of the nation in the event of a war being forced upon the United States. "Speed up" was the motto and generosity in the matter of appropriations the keynote of the activities of both the Senate and the House. Before the House was the great naval appropriation bill which, in the form it left the committee, carried a total of \$351,000,000. The House was prompt to vote huge increases. The appropriation of \$1,500,-

000 for ammunition for merchant auxiliaries was increased to \$5,781,174. A new item of \$1,250,000 for 941. The appropriation of \$4,367,174 for batteries for the merchant

auxiliaries was increased to \$5,781,174. A new item of \$1,250,000 for the purchase of additional machine guns and equipment was inserted.

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Evidently fearing seizure of money deposited in German banks in the event of war between Germany and the United States, depositors yesterday began heavy withdrawals which amounted almost to runs. Police were necessary to keep order in the long line of depositors at many of the banks. The German Savings Bank, one of the largest and wealthiest of its kind, was drawn on heavily.

Austria now is at the end of her supplies from the last harvest, according to a statement published in the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, attributed to the Austrian food controller Hoefler. The prevailing frost has greatly impeded the potato supply, according to the controller, but the German government has promised supplies from Roumania in March.

Six vessels, one a passenger liner, constituted yesterday's toll of Germany's U-boat blockade.

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NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the George Washington Birthday Association will be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, February 10, 1917, at 8 o'clock, p. m. A full attendance is desired. W. W. Ballenger, President. H. Noel Garner, Secretary. 33-4t.

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